D.T.C., Bus service between Dhaula Kuan and Gurgaon

3022. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service of DTC buses running from Dhaula Kuan to Gurgaon is very less;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the services of above said buses are in frequent between 6 PM and 12 PM;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Acquisition of Ships for Central Inland Water Transport Corporation

3023. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are monitoring the progress of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation in use of river for transport purposes;

(b) if so, the new rivers surveyed for transport purposes;

(c) whether the number of ships with the corporation are inadequate; and

(d) if so, what are the details the new ships proposed to be acquired during the 8th Five Year Plan period for river transport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC) has carried out survey for operating in Surat, Cochin backwaters and Bombay. Besides, the Inland Waterways Authority of India has carried out techonomic feasibility studies on the Sunderbans, the Godavari and the Krishna with a view to assessing their potential for declaration as National Waterways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 38.00 crores exists for acquisition of new vessels by the CIWTC in the 8th Plan. However, at present there is no proposal under consideration.

Review of Construction and Repair Works of the Bridges over National Highway Gujarat

3024. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction and repair work of the bridges built over national highway in Gujarat is not reviewed from time to time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of the bridges in respect of which the construction and repair work reviewed during the last three years; and

(d) the details of deficiencies found in the said work together with the action taken by Government against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of bridges for which